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## Waxman and Waters Address South Bay Cities



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## School District's Troubles Not Over

By Cristian Vasquez

The difficulties facing the Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) that led to a State takeover, a \$55 million loan, two State-appointed trustees that were soon removed and many employee layoffs seem to be taking a turn for the best.

After a short-lived moment as the State-appointed trustee from Kent Taylor, who was replaced by the later-removed LaTanya Kirk-Carter, Dr. Donald Brann took the helm of the financially troubled school system to bridge a massive deficit while preparing to pay back State loans—all while also staving off plummeting enrollment. However, for classified employees, the presence of Dr. Brann has come as a breath of fresh air to an almost depleted workforce that became the target of multiple cuts as the District's woes worsened earlier in the year.

"If they had done what she [Kirk-Carter] wanted them to do, Inglewood High School and Morningside High School would have disappeared," Christopher Graeber, representative of the California Professional Employees Local Union No. 2345 said. "They were laying off plant managers, custodians, everyone. These were all very counterproductive ways to take names off the book. Then they [District] brought in substitutes to save 10 percent. Dr. Brann is clearing the way, but there is so much that he needs to do that it is incredible. Every day there are more problems that he has to deal with."

Bus drivers and security personnel were also targeted for layoffs during Kirk-Carter's time at the helm. With Dr. Brann, these proposed cuts and layoffs have been rescinded. Still, many of the District's classified employees who were laid off continue to wait for an opportunity to reclaim their old positions. Filling those vacancies with classified employees remains

a challenge for both sides.

For Graeber, the use of substitutes to fill these positions is not only inefficient, but goes against the classified employees' contract. "It doesn't save them any money either way," Graeber said. "They are slowly opening submissions and slowly hiring employees for those jobs. The problem is we have laid-off workers who are waiting to get rehired. Our contract says if someone gets laid off, while they are laid off, they have to be put on top of the hiring list. They are not doing that."

On Dec. 7, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson spent the morning at IUSD visiting classrooms while observing instruction and speaking with students and teachers.

According to the District website, Torlakson visited the Inglewood High and La Tijera School campuses. During the short visit Torlakson was not able to meet with classified employees, but he is scheduled to return to the city on Dec. 19 to "meet and plan with

the District administrator."

For Graeber and the classified employees, things have improved since Dr. Brann was assigned to lead the District—leading them to wonder why the decision to install Dr. Brann wasn't made from the beginning.

"They made a major mistake with Kent Taylor and they will not admit it. He should not have been here to begin with," Graeber said. "He had one year of experience and this is a major job. This is a job that Dr. Brann is having a headache with and he has been a superintendent for more than 35 years."

Graeber continued, "This is not a job for a rookie and I give Dr. Brann lots of credit. There are things that come up that they had no idea were going on and they are uncovering more day to day. He has generally been doing the right thing and we are really pleased with him. We would hope that we can clear the way with administrators that have to go." The District's made some progress, but has still have a way to go.

## Chris Brown Sworn In for New Term

On Tuesday evening, Former Hawthorne Mayor Danny Juarez handed over the gavel to newly sworn-in Mayor Chris Brown as the latter took his place on the dais to preside over the first meeting of his two-year term.

Mayor Chris Brown is the first African-American mayor of the City of Hawthorne after his campaign defeated Juarez (and Jose Gutierrez) for the office.

The City Clerk certified that the election results for the General Municipal Election on Nov. 5 are final with the vote counts as follows: For the mayoral race, Danny Juarez 1,324, Chris Brown 1,695 and Jose Gutierrez 1,262.

For Council, Alex Vargas 2,000, Angie Reyes-English 1,630, Katrina Manning

1,376, Miguel Talleda 889, John Jefferson 610, Frances Stiglich 565 and Gordon Mego 400. For City Clerk, Norbert Huber 2,599 and Shelby Anderson 1,178.

For City Treasurer, L. David Patterson 2,315 and Thierry Lubenec 1,703. The ballot measure to change the term for Mayor from two years to four years was approved, effective with the election on Nov. 6, 2015.

With the certified election accepted unanimously, the next order of business was the official swearing-in ceremony for Brown's two-year mayoral term.

The second four-year Council terms for incumbents Reyes-English and Vargas.

The second term for Huber as City Clerk; and for new City Treasurer Patterson.

## Weekend Forecast

**Friday**  
Mostly  
Sunny  
62°/48°



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
72°/51°



**Sunday**  
Sunny  
71°/53°



# Calendar

**ALL CITIES**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

• Betterinvesting Model Club Meeting, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave. Space is limited. RSVP: Jerry Woods at (310)-216-0511.

**ONGOING**

• Recovery International Meetings, Fridays, 10 a.m., South Bay Mental Health Center, 2311 El Segundo Blvd. For more information call (310) 512-8112.

**HAWTHORNE**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

• Book of the Month Club, second Thursday of every month, 7-8 p.m., Wiseburn Library, 5335 W. 135th St. For more information call (310) 643-8880.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

• 2013 Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Entry due at 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. For more information call (310) 349-1640.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

• "Nautical Knots"-learn how to create two types of nautical knots, 3-4 p.m., Hawthorne Library, 12700 Grevillea Ave. For more information call (310) 679-8193.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

• City Council Meeting, 6-10 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4455 W 126th St. For more information call (310) 349-2915.

**ONGOING**

• Hawthorne Museum open Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Hawthorne Museum, corner of 126th and Grevillea Ave.

**INGLEWOOD**

• HRC's upcoming FREE Inglewood Housing Rights Workshop. It is going to be held at the Inglewood City Hall (Community

Room-1st Floor) at 1 West Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90301 from 5:30PM-7:30PM on Thursday, December 12th, 2013. or additional information at 1-800-477-5977

**ONGOING**

• Third Tuesday Family Movie at the Library. 10 a.m. Gladys Waddingham Library Lecture Hall, Main Library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. Call 310-412-5645 for more information.

**LAWDALE**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

• Garden Work Days for Adults: Weeding, watering, pruning, planting, and harvesting, 1-2 p.m., Lawndale Ocean Friendly Garden, 14616 Grevillea Ave. For more information call (310) 676-0177.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

• City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. City Hall, 14717 Burin Ave.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

• Lawndale Lifestyle: Healthy living programs for kids K-5 and parents, 4-5 p.m., Lawndale Library, 14615 Burin Ave. For more information call (310) 676-0177.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

• Library 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, 4-5 p.m., Lawndale Library, 14615 Burin Ave. For more information call (310) 676-0177.

**ONGOING**

• Lawndale Farmers Market, every Wednesday, 2-7 p.m., 147th St. in front of Lawndale Library. For information call (310) 679-3306.

• Commodities Free Food Program, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Community Center, 14700 Burin Ave. For information call (310) 973-3270. •

# Hawthorne Happenings

## News for the 'City of Good Neighbors'

From City Clerk Norb Huber



**Holiday Home Decorating Contest**

The Hawthorne Recreation and Community Services Department announces its annual holiday home decorating contest that has an entry deadline of Dec. 17. If you like to decorate your home's exterior for Christmas then plan to enter the contest. Entry forms are available at the Memorial Center or at City Hall. There will be awards given to first, second and third-place winners. Judging will take place on Dec. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Citizen of the Year Award**

The Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce held its 43 Annual Installation of Officers banquet last Friday. Along with installing the new board of directors, the Chamber handed out two civic awards. Thierry Lubenec was selected Hawthorne Citizen of the Year for 2013. Thierry has been the City Treasurer for the past 10 years. He was recognized for his involvement in many civic organizations and charitable causes. His volunteering and helpful attitude is legendary. He not only shows up, he usually takes charge whenever something needs to be done. At most events in the city, Thierry brings his entire family to volunteer as well. Mr. Lubenec is a very deserving choice as Citizen of the Year. David LaSalle was selected to receive the Ned Chaffee award for service to the Chamber. David has been a consistent leader in organizing and making sure that all the Chamber events

and activities are run smoothly.

**Swearing In**

Along with the new mayor, city treasurer and two re-elected city council members, I was sworn in this past Tuesday as city clerk. We all took an oath. What does this mean? The literal definition of oath is "either a statement of fact or a promise calling upon something or someone that the oath maker considers sacred, usually God, as a witness to the binding nature of the promise. To swear is to take an oath, to make a solemn vow." What did we all take a solemn vow to do?

Here is the exact wording of the oath: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter."

Many people after taking the oath respond by saying, "So help me, God." Yes, we all need God's direction to help us lead our city.

**Be a GOOD NEIGHBOR today!**

**Comments or Questions**

Please contact norbhuber gmail.com or 310-292-6714. •

# Community Briefs

**STATE OF REGION**

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**COVERED CALIFORNIA INFORMATION**

The El Camino Business Training Center, located at 13430 Hawthorne Blvd., in Hawthorne will be hosting two Covered California information sessions on: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7-9 p.m. for individuals and Thursday, Dec. 19, 7-9 p.m. for businesses.

The sessions will cover how the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will affect your family and your business, new health insurance options, the enrollment process and resources available.

The Covered California Sessions are sponsored by Treasurer Elect L. David Patterson in partnership with the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and hosted by the El Camino College Business Training Center. For more information, contact L. David Patterson, (424) 262-6176 or LDavidPatterson@gmail.com. •

# Police Reports

**ROBBERY**

- 3100 W ROSECRANS AV  
Date Reported Mon 11/25/13
  - 14400 S INGLEWOOD AV  
Date/Time Reported Tue 11/26/13 17:37  
Property Taken: white polo boxer briefs, white polo boxer briefs, michael kors white boxers, red/blk/whi adidas socks
  - 4300 W 138TH ST  
Date/Time Reported Tue 11/26/13 21:01  
Property Taken: blk wallet containing credit cards cdl
  - W 120TH ST/S HAWTHORNE BL  
Date/Time Reported Wed 11/27/13 16:01
  - 3900 W ROSECRANS AV  
Date/Time Reported Fri 11/29/13 11:24
  - 13900 S CHADRON AV  
Date/Time Reported Sat 11/30/13 15:21
  - 5200 W ROSECRANS AV  
Date/Time Reported Sat 11/30/13 17:45  
Property Taken: mixed denominations approximately 150
  - S LEMOLI AV/W ROSECRANS AV  
Date/Time Reported Sun 12/1/13 01:13  
Property Taken: white galaxy touch screen 2
  - 11700 S HAWTHORNE BL  
Date/Time Reported Sun 12/1/13 08:35  
Property Taken: lg cell phone 323-877-2834
- BURGLARY**
- 11800 S FELTON AV  
Date/Time Reported Mon 11/25/13 15:15  
Property Taken: apple I-phone 5 424-603-3571 with a green case
  - 3300 NORTHROP AV CONSTRUCTION SITE  
Date/Time Reported Tue 11/26/13 10:47  
Property Taken: tools, Milwaukee M12 sub-compact bond saw., Milwaukee M-Spector 360 9ft Rotating Scope Kit., Milwaukee M-12, Cordless Grease Gun Kit, Milwaukee Construction Radio., Milwaukee cordless ProPex Expansion tool kit, Milwaukee M-18 Chargin, Case Station, Socket sets.
  - 14400 S INGLEWOOD AV

- Date/Time Reported Tue 11/26/13 17:37  
Property Taken: red/black adidas socks. Red/grey adidas socks, red/white lucky brand boxers
- 3700 W 144TH ST  
Date/Time Reported Tue 11/26/13 21:16  
Property Taken: approx \$3500, apple macbook, ylw gold wedding ring with one diamond stone, 12 pairs of earring, earrings with 3 6" dangling strings of leaves, 3 flat necklace, ylw gold flat neck, flat necklace Whi/pink/yell color, 4 chain necklaces, 12 rings
- 11800 S SPINNING AV  
Date/Time Reported Wed 11/27/13 18:29
- 3600 W IMPERIAL HY  
Date/Time Reported Fri 11/29/13 08:23
- 11700 S YORK AV  
Date/Time Reported Fri 11/29/13 12:55  
Property Taken: gold mountain bike, blue mountain bike
- 2700 W 120TH ST  
Date/Time Reported Fri 11/29/13 16:50
- 13000 S WASHINGTON AV  
Date/Time Reported Fri 11/29/13 23:03
- 4800 W 118TH ST  
Date/Time Reported Sat 11/30/13 20:03  
Property Taken: black kindle fire hd 7.8, black kindle fire hd 10.0, blk htc evo, white i-phone 5, black galaxy2
- 4800 W 118TH ST  
Date/Time Reported Sat 11/30/13 20:39
- 4800 W 118TH ST  
Date/Time Reported Sun 12/1/13 10:07
- 13900 S CHADRON AV  
Date/Time Reported Sun 12/1/13 12:09  
Property Taken: White I-Pod/cord, jacket
- 14400 S LEMOLI AV  
Date/Time Reported Sun 12/1/13 12:24  
Property Taken: b of a checkbook Elizabeth and Stephanie Ambrose, union bank of ca. Kirk Ambrose
- 13600 S CORDARY AV  
Date/Time Reported Sun 12/1/13 17:51  
Property Taken: blue steal/calapsable stock •

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# Politically Speaking

## One Man's Opinion

By Gerry Chong

Irony is a delicious thing, isn't it? Let's consider these bits of irony:

Obamacare was intended to reduce the number of uninsured. Instead, the cancellation of existing policies could cause the number of uninsured to more than double.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), a vociferous advocate of Obamacare, has exempted himself and his senior staff from this onerous law.

Want another one? The man who gave Obamacare his name has not signed up for that abomination.

Here's still another one: To function, Obamacare needs seven million signups by next April, 40 percent of whom must be young, requiring little medical care. Unfortunately only 28 percent of today's enrollees are in that demographic. *Fox News* reports that since youngsters from 19-34 on average require medical care only six times over that 15-year span, they aren't buying what they don't need. Ironically, Obama undermined sales to youngsters even further by allowing those up to the age of 26 to stay with their parent's health plans rather than buying their own coverage. Regardless of whether too few people enroll or whether too many with the wrong demographic enroll, Obamacare could crash with horrendous health and financial implications.

Then there's this: The public has until December 23 to sign up for insurance that will be effective on Jan. 1, 2014. But by that date, Obamacare will not be functional! You see, there are two parts to Obamacare, both of which need to be operational. First,

there is the sign-up process that has been the subject of such ridicule and still fails 20 percent of the time. Second, however, is the administrative process among the various governmental departments and the way they interface with applicants for government subsidies and the insurance companies that pay caregivers. The computer programs that encompass this "back end" have not been written yet and are not scheduled to be completed until sometime next year.

Applicants for government subsidies need only to make unsubstantiated income claims to receive subsidies. As for insurance companies, they need only "estimate" the amount the government should compensate them on a monthly basis, with accounts to be reconciled later. To prepare for any eventuality, President Obama is preparing a federal bailout of insurance companies that may suffer as a result of Obamacare.

In the absence of any financial controls, this most dishonorable President is calling for an honor system requiring truth from applicants for subsidies and insurance companies alike. The point of fact is that financially the President doesn't know where we are and doesn't know where we're going. Importantly, the financial chaos of Obamacare is the backdrop for budget negotiations scheduled for this coming January, and threatens to spread financial uncertainty far and wide.

Finally, the most delicious irony of all is that the political party that advocates a godless, secular society will need an act of God to save their plan, rescue the ailing among us and preserve our economy. •

## Another Man's Opinion

### End the Blame Game, Get Back to Work

By Cristian Vasquez

A recent statement by California Democratic Party Chairman John Burton blames the Republican Leadership for misleading the public with regards to the Affordable Care Act. Burton made the argument that California's Republicans would have no problem disseminating inaccurate information about the changes to the nation's health care system so long as it meant the new law failed. While I do agree that the Republican leadership has gone out of its way to trump the success of the Affordable Care Act, the Democratic Party needs to accept full responsibility for the negative reaction to the new law. From the chaotic problems at the beginning of the rollout to all unintended consequences that are yet to occur, the Democrats need to accept responsibility for the shortcomings of the ACA.

At the core of Burton's statements is the claim that the Republicans will develop and promote a fake website to direct potential consumers away from the real Covered California website, [www.CoveredCA.com](http://www.CoveredCA.com). The reality is that the Democratic Party is scrambling, less now than before, to fix the horrific glitches that made accessing the website an absolute nightmare from the very beginning. Rather than blame the opposition for the negative press or even reluctance from people to go to the website, the Democratic leadership needs to own up to its lack of preparation.

The truth is that the Democratic Party had more than two years to plan for the rollout. It

had more than enough time to avoid glitches or setbacks and the fact is that it didn't do it. The infamous rollout was made available to potential consumers in such an inefficient manner that many of us who were excited about being able to afford health insurance were left with more questions than before the websites came up. The failure to properly manage this plan from the onset is an embarrassment and created its own negative backlash, without any help from the Republican opposition. In the month following the rollout, they have been able to fix issues that should have never been a problem given the fact that they had more than two years to get it right from the beginning.

Having only had one job that provided legitimate health insurance, dental included, I have lots of homework to do before jumping into the market options created by the Affordable Care Act. Am I still excited about it? Of course. No longer will I have to go to the emergency room and pay \$25 for an aspirin while an overworked doctor tells me I have a bug and should take lots of fluids and get plenty of rest. The potential of being able to go to a clinic without having to invest an entire week's pay for one visit is encouraging. However, I am still frustrated that with a two-year head start the Democrats fumbled the rollout. Believe me, there is nothing that Michelle Bachman, Mitt Romney or Ted Cruz can say to sway me away from using the Affordable Care Act to my advantage. It was an inefficient website due to a failed rollout that kept me away. •

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~ James Dean



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## Metro Briefs

### SOUTH BAY

#### Go Metro for the Holidays

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#### New Metro Bus Schedules December 15

Metro's annual bus service adjustments take effect soon. Minor changes to improve efficiency and effectiveness are coming to routes 60, 120, 167, 577 and the Metro Silver Line. Find the new timetables aboard buses in December or at [metro.net](http://metro.net).

#### Holiday Eve Free Fares

Enjoy the holidays safely, with free service on all Metro buses and trains during Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. No fare will be charged from 9pm on Tuesday, December 24, until 2am Wednesday, December 25 and from 9pm on Tuesday, December 31, until 2am on Wednesday, January 1. See routes and timetables at [metro.net](http://metro.net).

#### "Ramp Jam" Ends for Wilshire/I-405 Interchange

All ramps are now open on the I-405 as the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project nears completion. Overall, the interchange's eight improved freeway ramps add 75 percent additional capacity. For more information and construction schedules, go to [metro.net/405](http://metro.net/405).

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## Hawthorne Celebrates First African-American Mayor with Swearing-In Event

By Nancy Peters

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## Classifieds

The deadline for Classified Ad submission and payment is Noon on Tuesday to appear in Thursday's paper. Advertisements must be submitted in writing by mail, fax or email. You may pay by cash, check, or credit card (Visa or M/C over the phone).

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### GARAGE SALE

**712 S. Acacia Ave.** Sat Dec. 14 8AM-2PM. Clothes, Toys, Household Items, Misc. Holiday.

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# Sports

## Joe's Sports

### Hawthorne Salvages Win in St. Monica Finale



Hawthorne High's Brian Ross attempts a basket during last Thursday's St. Monica Boys' Basketball Tournament game against New Designs. The Cougars won handily 82-44. Hawthorne hosts Lawndale in non-league action tonight at 7:30 p.m. Photo by Joe Snyder.

By Joe Snyder

Hawthorne High's boys' basketball is young and inexperienced and struggled through the St. Monica Tournament with three losses before avoiding last place with an easy 82-44 win over New Designs from Downtown Los Angeles last Thursday in Santa Monica. The Cougars dominated New Designs throughout with leads of 32-14 at halftime and 55-25 after three quarters to improve to 1-3.

Hawthorne had four players score in double figures, with Marlon Thomas and Ricky Bryant carrying the team's high-scoring honors with 16 points apiece. Brian Ross added 12 points and Devin Harris chipped in 10.

"We're a very young team," first-year head Cougar coach David Gray said. "We have just four seniors and one freshman. We're trying to work on it to improve. We're trying to get into the system."

In pool play a day earlier, Ross led Hawthorne with 21 points but the Cougars fell short of Oak Park 72-62. Derwin Leslie and Ricky Bryant contributed 14 points each.

On Dec. 3, the Cougars fell to Verbum Dei from Southeast L.A. 63-41. In the opener on Dec. 2, Hawthorne lost to last season's CIF-L.A. City Section Division III champion Hamilton 64-48. Marlon Towns led the Cougars with 18 points. Ross tallied 12 points and six rebounds. Markell Gray put in nine points and Devin Harris gathered seven rebounds.

Hawthorne hosted Costa Mesa on Tuesday and will be at home to take on Lawndale tonight at 7:30 p.m.

### CARDINALS WIN ONE, LOSE ONE AT WESTCHESTER

Lawndale High's boys' basketball team played in its second consecutive highly regarded tournament in the Westchester Trevor Ariza Classic last week. In the first game on Dec. 3, the Cardinals downed Washington Prep High of South L.A. 52-38. A day later, Serra High of Gardena proved too much for Lawndale with a 77-33 blowout victory. The Cardinals played two other consolation games, but results were unavailable.

Against the Generals, Lawndale was led by six-foot-nine junior center-forward Chimizie Metu with 20 points and five blocked shots. Dedric Brown totaled 16 points. Against the Cavaliers, Lawndale trailed by 10 (30-20) at halftime but Serra dominated the second half, outscoring the Cardinals 47-13.

Lawndale plays a non-league game at Hawthorne tonight at 7:30 p.m. The Cardinals will play in another rigorous classic in the Santa Maria St. Joseph National Prep Tournament from Dec. 26-30.

### INGLEWOOD SPLITS AT SAMO

Inglewood High's boys' basketball team split four games in last week's Santa Monica Tournament for sixth place. In the opener on Dec. 4, the Sentinels downed Santa Monica Crossroads 57-40. After losing to West Hills Chaminade 67-56 in overtime a day later, Inglewood topped Valencia West Ranch 56-48 on Friday. In the fifth place game on Saturday, the Sents fell to Brentwood 70-64.

Against West Ranch, Inglewood was led by Terell Gomez with 19 points and six assists. Darae Elliott tallied 14 points and nine rebounds. Joshua Conley pulled down 10 rebounds. Gomez led Inglewood (2-2) with 19 points and six assists in its win over Crossroads. Chris Odionu put in 11 points and Elliott had 10 points. Conley hauled down 11 rebounds.

The Sentinels will host Redondo in a non-league game Saturday at 7:30 p.m. before visiting Peninsula in Rolling Hills Estates in another non-league contest Monday at the same time.

### LADY CARDINALS WIN SOUTH EL MONTE CLASSIC

Lawndale High's girls' basketball team got off to a good start by winning the South El Monte Tournament with a 38-27 victory over San Gabriel last Saturday. Brittini Scott, who was the tournament's Most Valuable Player, led the Cardinals with 15 points, 15 rebounds and three steals. Taylor Buffin contributed six points, 11 rebounds and five blocks. Taylor Hall added six points, 16 rebounds and five steals.

In pool play last Thursday, Lawndale topped East L.A. Torres 34-31. Scott sparked the Cardinals with 14 points and 19 rebounds. On Dec. 4, Lawndale rolled over John Glenn High from Norwalk 57-29. Scott had a triple-double with 18 points, 12 rebounds and 10 steals. Taylor Buffin added a double-double with 10 points, 17 rebounds and three blocks. Taylor Hall was within one of a double-double, as she scored 10 points and had nine steals.

After hosting cross-town rival Leuzinger, under first-year head coach Bo Corona, the Cardinals visit another Centinela Valley School rival Hawthorne tonight at 6 p.m. Lawndale then opens the El Segundo Tournament against Westminster on Monday at the same time.

### HAWTHORNE GETS TWO EASY WINS

Hawthorne High's girls' basketball team won two games in the South East Tournament over Huntington Park 64-24 on Dec. 4 and South Gate Legacy 55-35 on Thursday in South Gate. The Lady Cougars host Lawndale tonight at 6 p.m. and play in the El Segundo Tournament next week. •

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Seth



Justin



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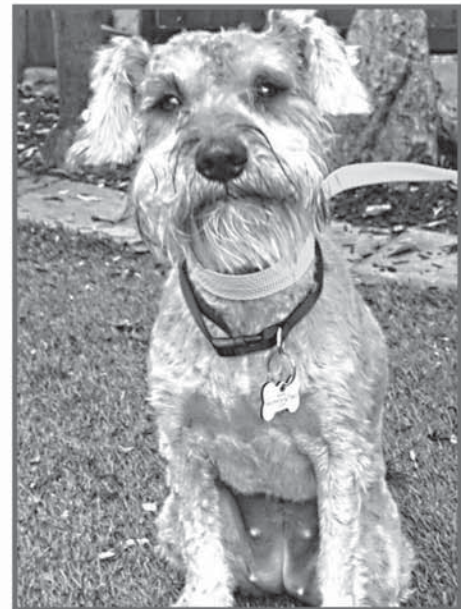
Liberty



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### Lost Dog

Long Hair Chihuahua, male, ten-years old, 6 lbs 5 oz. Last seen Thanksgiving night on 600 block of Center St. wearing zebra print body leash. Dog named Mickey. Needs surgery. REWARD offered. Please contact (310) 956-2562 or (310) 322-0098.



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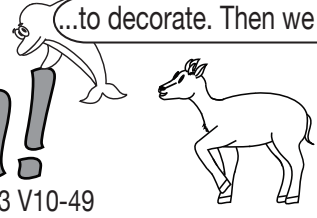


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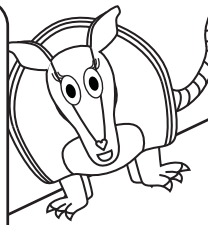
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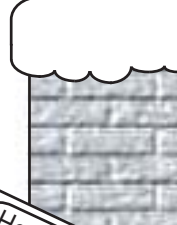
...to decorate. Then we made ornaments.



I finished decorating my burrow and tunnel areas. Now, I just have to finish putting the ornaments and lights on my prickly pear cactus... carefully, of course... ha ha ha ha!



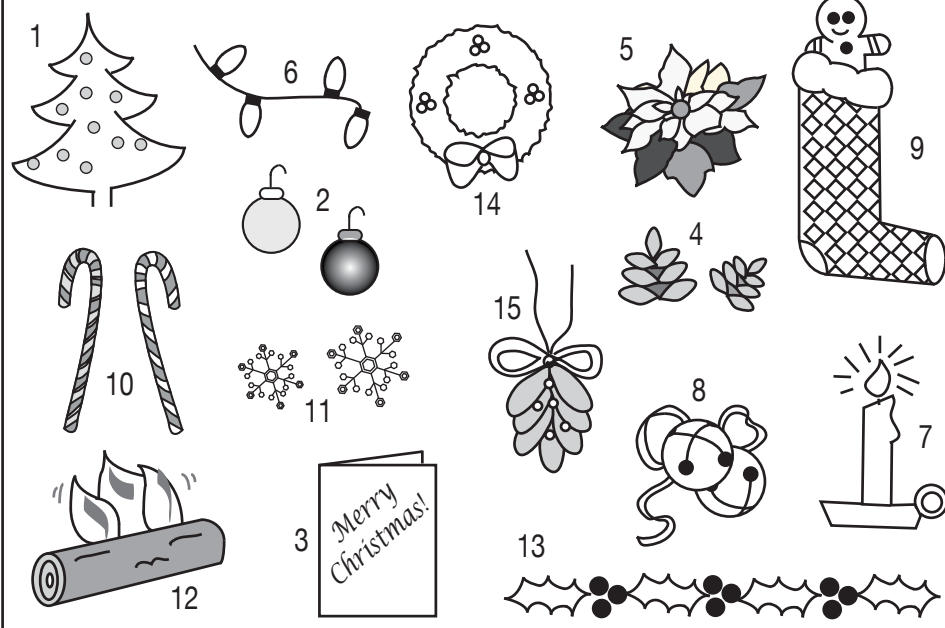
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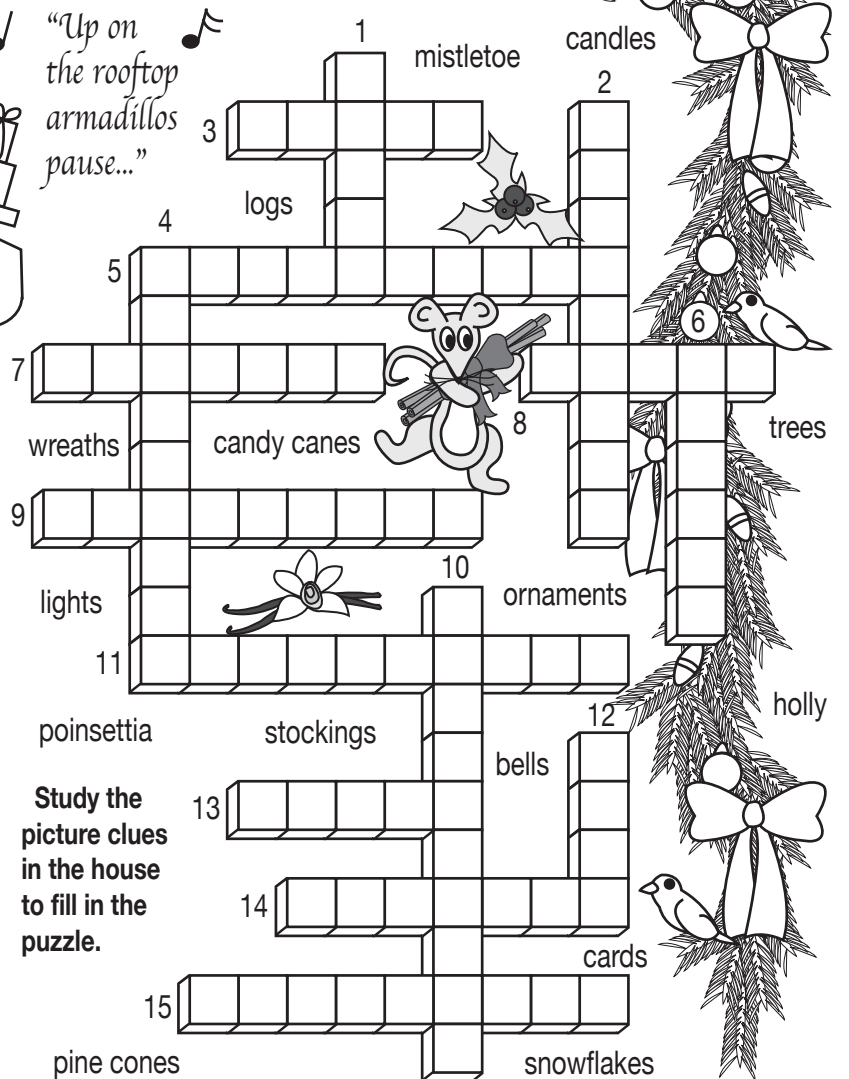
## 'Deck The Halls With...'

Hey! Where are the reindeer?

Every year families "Deck the halls with..." everything that has special meaning for them. Our ancestors brought many decorating customs to America from their homelands. Over the years many other people, delighted with the different decorations, have adopted them for their homes too! Today you can see many families adding their special touches using:



"Up on the rooftop armadillos pause..."

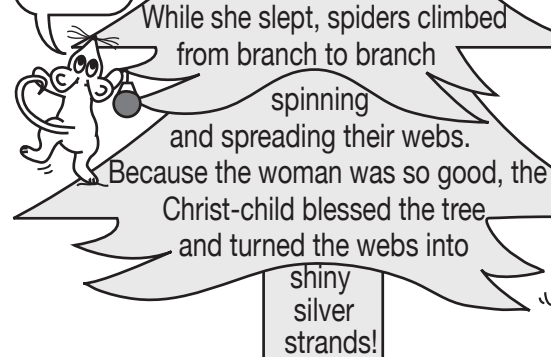


### Why do people put tinsel on Christmas trees?

(A Christmas legend handed down.)

Many years ago there lived a very good woman. She had a large family. They were poor. She decorated their tree the best she could. While she slept, spiders climbed from branch to branch spinning and spreading their webs. Because the woman was so good, the Christ-child blessed the tree and turned the webs into shiny silver strands!

Time to find a ladder.



### World Famous Christmas Tree

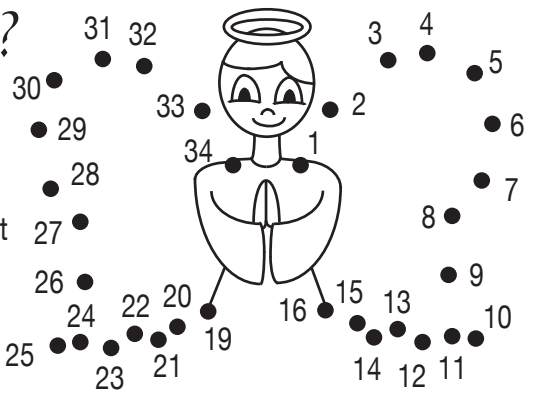
This year's world-famous Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center in New York City comes from Connecticut. It is a 76-foot tall, 47-foot wide, 12-ton Norway Spruce. The Rockefeller Center tree has been put up since 1931. The first tree was only 20 feet tall and decorated by workers with strings of cranberries, paper and even tin cans. Today the giant tree is decorated with 40,000 LED lights powered by solar panels that are on a nearby rooftop.

I love all of these decorations!



### How Do You Top Your Tree?

Everyone looks at the special decoration at the top of a tree. Can you name two things that many families put at the top? Finish these two dot-to-dot puzzles to see two ideas:



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### 'Deck the Halls!'

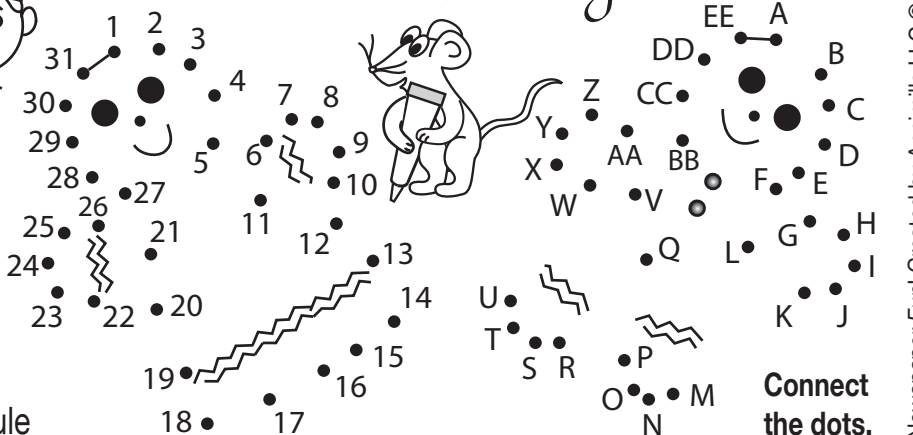
1) Deck the \_\_\_\_\_ with boughs of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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'Tis the season to be \_\_\_\_\_,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

3) See the blazing \_\_\_\_\_ before us,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Strike the \_\_\_\_\_ and join the \_\_\_\_\_,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Do you know this famous song? Use the words below to fill in these two verses:

jolly harp chorus  
halls holly Yule

### What's Cooking?



Connect the dots.